

Remarks

Claims 1-41 are currently pending and stand rejected. Applicants assert that at least claim 30 and its dependent claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below. On the basis of claim 30 being allowable over the current rejection, Applicants request that the finality of the current action be withdrawn.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 2, 2005. During the interview, the Padmanabhan reference was discussed in relation to subject matter of the present application. Namely, it was discussed that Padmanabhan is directed to the sender of a voice message selecting for the voice message to be transcribed and further selecting what manner of outputting the transcription. It was discussed that claim 30 provides for the recipient to designate the archival device to be used to output or store the message such that the use of Padmanabhan in rejection those recitations of claim 30 was improper. The Examiner suggested that the argument for claim 30 be provided so that the finality of the rejection could be withdrawn.

Objections

Claims 1-29 have been objected to because claims 1, 8, 10, 18, and 25 recited "an in response". These claims have been amended to now recite "and in response" such that the objections may be withdrawn.

Rejections

Claims 1, 4, 18, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ortega (US Pat 6,535,848). Additionally, claims 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 24, and 30-41 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ortega in view of Padmanabhan (US Pat 6,219,638). Claims 3, 6, 20, and 23 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ortega, while claims 25-29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ortega in view of Padmanabhan and further in view of Damiba (US Pub 2002/0169605).

Applicants assert that at least claim 30 and its dependents are allowable over the

cited references such that the finality of the rejections should be withdrawn. Claim 30 recites a method of transcribing a recorded message that comprises, in part, designating by the recipient an archival device to be used to output or store the transcribed message.

In rejecting claim 30, the Office Action concedes that Ortega fails to disclose the recipient making such a designation but relies on Padmanabhan. However, Padmanabhan is specifically tailored to the sender selecting whether to transcribe the message, and when selecting for the message to be transcribed, it is the sender that designates how the transcription is to be provided. The citation provided by the office action, namely col. 4, lines 62-67, refers to the user selecting how the transcribed message is to be stored or sent by the message server. Reading col. 4 in its entirety, it is evident that "the user" is the sender rather than the recipient. Because claim 30 specifically recites that the recipient does the designation of the archival device, Padmanabhan fails to address these recitations. Therefore, claim 30 and dependent claims 31-36 are allowable over the combination of Ortega with Padmanabhan for at least these reasons.

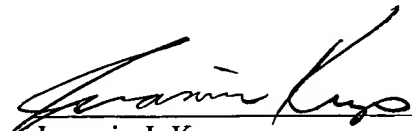
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the at least claimed 30-36 of the application are in condition for allowance such that the finality of the current action should be withdrawn. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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